

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, July 19, 2007

Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2007 in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter, Bob Gates, W.C. "Bill" Guier, Ginna Reyes, Howard Williams and Tom Ricotta were present.

Members present represent a quorum.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnila, Chuck Collins and John Christensen.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were Peter Drinkwater, Willie Vasquez, Dan Thompson, Lou Barnes and Jim Swain.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the meeting of June 21, 2007. Bill Guier made a grammatical correction replacing "spoke" with "spoken" in his member announcement. Bob Gates moved they be approved. The minutes were approved with Tom Ricotta and Howard Williams abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jeff Painter of Carlsbad spoke of being woken up by low flying planes over his home. He felt since the Voluntary Noise Abatement Procedures (VNAP) are not set rules no one has to abide by them. He said he had talked with Chin Tu of Civic Helicopters about the problem. Mr. Tu has re-routed his helicopter flights, alleviating the problem. Mr. Hutter summarized the actions being taken to alleviate the problem and encouraged Mr. Painter to keep reporting low flying aircraft.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

Mr. Drinkwater re-affirmed the airport is not being expanded. Rather, it's being modernized and re-organized while re-inventing what already exists. The final SH&E study has been released. It focuses on future service options for the airport. Nothing has been decided about regional jet service; that would be a public process with public input.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION: AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROCESS – L. Barnes

Ms. Barnes gave a presentation on the Airport Capital Improvement Program. She described the involved parties, the project priorities, the ACIP process and its timeline. Ms. Barnes also described the pre and post grant process.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – J. Swain

A Fly Friendly Program presentation was given by Ms. Reyes and Mr. Collins at the Ocean Hills Country Club. Jim Swain was also present. Approximately fifty people attended the presentation. It was recorded and broadcasted several times on the club's closed circuit television station. Mr. Swain has received good feedback from the club's residents. A presentation is being scheduled for the Rancho Vallecitos Estates Homeowners Board in October. Mr. Swain, Mr. Hutter and Ms. Gail Carroll of Carlsbad described the components of the Fly Friendly Program.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT – J. Swain

- ➔ Monthly Operations Count: 18,094
- ➔ Annual Operations Count: 109,691
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 4,699
- ➔ Annual Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 26,379
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: Revenue Out: 4,409; Revenue In: 4,259; Non-Revenue Out: 290; Non-Revenue In: 283; Total Passenger Throughput: 9,241
- ➔ Local Traffic: 4,610
- ➔ Itinerant Traffic: 13,484
- ➔ Monthly Concerns: 78
- ➔ Annual Concerns: 313
- ➔ Ratio of Concerns to Operations for June: 78 concerns for 18,094 aircraft, which is 1 concern for every 232 operations.
- ➔ Community Noise Concerns by area: Southwest: 47; Southeast: 14; Northwest: 6; Northeast: 10. Other areas: 1.
- ➔ Noise Concerns by type: Noise: 14; VNAP: 33; Low: 20; Over flights: 11.
- ➔ Noise Concerns by aircraft type: Propellers: 15; Jets: 41; Helicopters: 12; No Aircraft Type Specified: 10; Commercial: 0.
- ➔ Noise Concerns by time of day: 0700 to 1700: 24; 1700 to 2200: 14; 2200 to 0700: 40.
- ➔ Flight operations during quiet hours: 2200 to 0500: 203 [Props: 124 (0 concerns received); Jets: 52 (4 concerns received), Helicopters: 27 (1 concern received)]; 0500 to 0700: 114 [Props: 72 (0 concerns received); Jets: 41 (25 concerns received); Helicopters: 1 (0 concerns received)].

Ms. Reyes asked Mr. Swain to provide a map of the areas affected by the noise at Palomar Airport. He said he would. Mr. Swain clarified for Mr. Ron Lovick of Carlsbad that turboprops were considered propeller aircraft for the purposes of his report. Mr. Swain, Mr. Painter, Mr. Lovick and Ms. Carroll discussed how the term "low flights" is defined.

R6/24 VNAP COMMITTEE – T. Hutter

The VNAP Pilot Handout is with the County Cartography Department. All the requests for donations have gone out to the neighboring cities. To date, no money has been received.

STAFF REPORT – W. Vasquez

Mr. Vasquez gave an update on the FAA fencing project. While it has not yet begun it is a priority for the FAA and should begin within the next two weeks. There is a new fully automated generator which can power the runway lights in case the airport loses power. Airport staff is prepping for two upcoming fencing projects. The first is for Airport Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) and the second is to provide fencing from incoming international flights to the Customs office. Mr. Vasquez expects between three and ten flights (during the high season) will utilize the Customs service at Palomar Airport on a daily basis. Mr. Vasquez and Ms. Reyes discussed Vision Air's current schedule and passenger load as well as their marketing strategy and possible expansion of their service. The FAA and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) are still investigating the recent King Air incident.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Reyes announced the jet preview at Jet Source on Thursday, September 20, 2007 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The event is free and the public is welcome though they may need to register to get in. Many aircraft types will be represented as well as other items of interest.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

The next meeting of the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee will be on September 20, 2007. Ms. Reyes asked the Airports staff to provide a Customs update. Mr. Guier asked if a restaurant update could be provided which would likely come under Mr. Vasquez' staff report.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.

By: _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I